## PATENT IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Kousuke SUZUKI et al.

Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT HOLE

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 20, 1998

Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fees of the above application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 38, at line 1, delete "38" and substitute therefor --37--.

Claim 39, at line 1, delete "39" and substitute therefor --38--.

Claim 40, at line 1, delete "40" and substitute therefor --39--; and in line 2, delete "39" and substitute therefor --38--.

Claim 41, at line 1, delete "41" and substitute therefor --40--; and in line 2, delete "39" and substitute therefor --38--.

Claim 42, at line 1, delete "42" and substitute therefor --41--; and in line 2, delete "41" and substitute therefor --40--.

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